

In the Specification:

Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner replace the paragraph on page 20, line 22 through page 21, line 5 with the following:

--If there are no outside vendors **40** (i.e., if $N=0$), then a house vendor must exist, as explained *supra*, and FIG. 1 is replaced by FIG. 2 in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. In FIG. 2, the house ~~[[20]]~~ **30** is also represented as the house vendor **41**, which demonstrates the dual role of house ~~[[20]]~~ **30** as a provider of the game of uncertain outcome and as a vendor. As such, house vendor 41 is shown as a phantom within FIG. 2, as it is a role of the house 30, and may be house 30. Generally, the vendors of the present invention may comprise one or more outside vendor **40** of FIG. 1, the house vendor **41** of FIG. 2, or both.--